



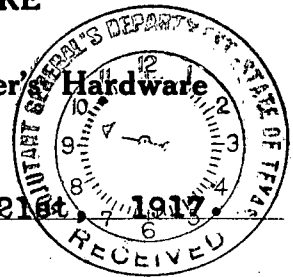
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ABILENE, TEXAS Dec. 21st, 1917



Mr. Jas. A. Harley,

Austin, Texas. Adjutant General.

Dear Sir:-

I am sending you in this mail my Commission as per your request of Dec. 18th, as Special Ranger.

If I can be of any further service to you command me, I am,

Yours very truly,

Cross Payton,

THE STATE OF TEXAS



ADJUTANT GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

Warrant of Authority and Descriptive List

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That the bearer.....CROSS PAYTON.....

is a.....Private.....in Company.....C.....Ranger Force, State of Texas, and this is his Warrant of Authority as a Ranger, under an Act of the 27th Legislature of the State of Texas, Approved March 29th, 1901, and Descriptive List for identification, and will be exhibited as his authority to act as a Ranger when called upon for his credentials. This warrant must be surrendered to Company Commander by bearer when discharged. This Warrant of Authority and Descriptive List is signed by The Adjutant General under seal of office and attested by Company Commander.

Name.....	Cross Payton.....	Rank.....	Private.....
Age.....	35 Yrs. 6 Mo.....	Where born.....	Missouri.....
Height.....	5 Ft. 9 Inch.....	Occupation.....	Merchant.....
Hair.....	Brown.....	Enlisted Where.....	Austin, Texas.....
Eyes.....	Grey.....	Enlisted When.....	6 June, 1917.....
Complexion.....	Light.....	Enlisted by Whom.....	The Adjutant General.....

Given under my hand and seal of office, this.....9th.....

day of.....June.....1917.....

Henry Fitchburg
The Adjutant General.

Attest:.....
Captain Ranger Force
Commanding Co.....

ENLISTMENT, OATH OF SERVICE, AND DESCRIPTION RANGER FORCE

Company C Ranger Force, Station Abilene

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

COUNTY OF Taylor

I, Cross Payton, born in Fayette

in the State of Missouri, aged 35 years and six months, and by occupation a

Merchant do hereby acknowledge to have voluntarily enlisted this **6th** day of

-----**June**-----, 191**7**---, as a private in the Ranger Force of this State, for the period of two years.

unless sooner discharged by proper authority. ~~And I do also agree to accept from the State of Texas such~~

~~bounty, pay, subsistence and other expenses as are or may be established by law.~~ And I do solemnly swear

that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent on me as an officer of

the Ranger Force according to the best of my skill and ability, agreeably to the Constitution and laws of the

United States and of this State, and I do further solemnly swear that since the adoption of the Constitution

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 6th day of June, A. D. 1917

Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas

I certify that Cross Peyton, the above named man, has been carefully examined by me

.....**six** months of age. Height.....**Five** feet **Nine** inches. Complexion **light** Eyes **grey**

Hair brown Born at Fayette County of _____ State of Missouri

Captain Co.....Ranger Force.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

OATH OF MEMBERS
RANGER FORCE

Name Cross Payton

[Signature]

Rank Private.

Company C, Ranger Force

Station Abilene, Texas.

SPECIAL RANGER.

Ben Henry Huchings
Captain